(c) The exchange is likely to be functional during Ninth Five Year Plan.

Construction of Fly Over

1988. SHRI HANNAN MOLLAH: Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Government have since taken any decision to construct fly over at Liluah, Mourigram and Rishra;

(b) if so, when and the details thereof; and

(c) if not, the reasons for the delay in this regard?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF RAILWAYS (SHRI SATPAL MAHARAJ): (a) Yes, Sir. For Liluah and Mourigram only.

(b) and (c) Road Over Bridge at Liluah was approved in 1988-89 and Road Over Bridge at Maurigram has been included in Works Programme 97-98. State Govt. has neither awarded contract for their portion of work nor have they commenced any work for Liluah Road Over Bridge. Railway will take up the work once State Govt. commence their portion of work.

For Road Over Bridge at Rishra State Government has not sponsored the proposal as yet.

Telephone Dues

1989. SHRI K.P. SINGH DEO: Will the Minister of COMMUNICATIONS be pleased to state:

(a) the details of the amount outstanding as telephone dues against the Members of Parliament and ex-Member of Parliament as on December 31, 1996, Member-wise;

(b) the steps being taken to recover this amount;

(c) whether any complaints from the Members of Parliament about excess billing have been received by the Government; and

(d) if so, the action taken thereon?

THE MINISTER OF COMMUNICATIONS (SHRI BENI PRASAD VARMA): (a) The information is being collected and will be laid on the Table of the House.

(b) The recovery of outstanding dues is being pursued with concerned MPs/Ex-MPs.

(c) Yes, Sir.

(d) On receipt of complaints from MPs, detailed reports are called for from the concerned units, Based on these, the cases are decided after careful examination. The MPs are thereafter replied to individually.

Financial Assistance

1990. SHRI SANAT KUMAR MANDAL: Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Government have sought financial assistance in the form of soft loans and grants from Germany for upgrading and modernising telecommunication systems in Indian Railways;

(b) whether Germany, on its part, has offered assistance in developing multi-modal transportation systems;

(c) if so, the nature of assistance and mutual co-operation offered by Germany viz., equipment, installation and commissioning of the system and eventual indigenous manufacture by transfer of technology in various fields of telecommunication in the Indian Railways; and

(d) its technical and financial implications?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF RAILWAYS (SHRI SATPAL MAHARAJ): (a) Indian Railways have sought German assistance in the form of loan for improving of signalling between Ghaziabad and Kanpur. The package includes train radio communications. A proposal in this regard was processed through the Ministry of Finance to KfW/Germany who had a feasibility study done.

(b) No, Sir.

(c) It will be financial assistance in the form of loan.

(d) It will be known after the study is finalised.

New Telephone Exchange In Mumbai

1991. SHRIMATI JAYAWANTI NAVINCHANDRA MEHTA: Will the Minister of COMMUNICATIONS be pleased to state:

(a) whether there is any proposal to set up new telephone exchanges in Mumbai;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) if not, the reasons therefor; and

(d) the time by which all the wait listed persons are likely to get telephone connections?

THE MINISTER OF COMMUNICATIONS (SHRI BENI PRASAD VARMA): (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) The details of new telephone exchanges set up upto February, 1997 and likely to be commissioned in March, 1997 during the year 1996-97 are given in Statement I and II respectively.

(c) Does not arise in view of (b) above.

(d) Wait listed persons as on date are likely to get telephone connections by June, 1997 except in a few technically non-feasible pockets.